MOSCOW, March 2 (AFP). — A total of 42 persons were killed and 90 injured in last Friday's fire at the huga Rossiya Hotel here, reliable unofficial Soviet sources said today, without giving a breakdown of casualties by nationality. The dead included several provincial Communist Party officials in Moscow for a special meeting, the source said. This could explain wby the messages of sympathy to bereaved relatives were signed by the Central Committee as well as the Soviet government. The source endorsed the official explanation of the cause of the fire as being a fault in the life mache. the cause of the fire as being a fault in the lift mechanism, despite the belief of sources close to semi-official circles that it may have been the work at an arsonist.

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INGTON, March 2 (R). ary of State Cyrus Vanis presented Congress a \$2.538 billion overseas is a new but selective emonstration on human rights abroad. programme covers grants quipment and training as well as credit sales. countries and reflected human rights abuses in tina, Uruguay and Ethio-

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in apparent defence of a in ion not to curb funds to Korea, which has been ised for alleged human abuses, he said concern mman rights must be con-id together with other mic and security goals. Igments should be made

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for the current, 1977, financial year is \$985 million. Of the request, \$708 million is to finance credit sales abroad, \$230 million in straight grants, and \$35 million in tra-

ining grants. However, since the credit sa-les are repaid over varying te-rms depending on the arrangement with the recipient country,

the actual grants and sales will be a good deal higher. Credit sales for fiscal 1978 should total \$2.218 billion grants \$285 million and grant training roughly \$36 million. But the figures released to-

day do not reflect additional purchases paid for in cash by different countries. Such major purchasers of American equipment as Saudi Arabia and Iran were not included in the proposals Mr. Vance made.

In the Middle East, Israel is the main recipient with its one

billion dollars in credit sales. Repayment of at least half of this is usually forgiven by an

act of Congress.

Jordan is earmarked for \$131.5 million dollars, compared with \$136.3 million in the current year. Of this, some \$55 million is in outright grants and \$75 million in credit sales. Both Morocco and Tunisia have substantial increases un-

Mr. Vance. Morocco is to get \$46.2 miltion, nearly all its credit sales, compared with a total of \$30.8 million in the current fiscal

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Tunisia is marked down for mulion, nearly all m dit sales, compared with \$15.4 million in the current year.

Greece'a total is \$175 million
up five \$5 from the current estimated aid. The largest element is \$140 million in foreign

credit sales.
Turkey is marked down for \$250 million, compared to an estimated \$214 million in the current fiscal year. Of this, \$200 million is in credit sales and \$50 million in grants, nearly all for materials for equip-



الراي » تصدر بالانكارية عن الرسسة الصحفية الارسة « الراي »

ed, left) welcomes his Italian counterpart Enrico Berlinguer to the summit meeting of the leaders of Europe's three main Communist Parties in Madrid Wednesday. The third leader, not photographed, is the French party's chief Georges Marchais. (AP wirephoto).

Euro-communist summit in Madrid opens with government's approval

mmunists began a two-day su-mmit bere today in a major sbow of support for the Spanish party's campaign for legality. Santiago Carrillo of Spain, Georges Marchais of France and Enrico Berlinguer of Italy are the chief exponents of Euro-Communism, which advocates an independent line from Moscow and parliamentary democ-

A major question facing the three was bow far they should criticise a government clamp-down on political dissidence in the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and other East European countries without smearing co-

mmunism itself. The three met in a luxury be tel guarded by police and communist militants against possible ultra-rightwing attacks. Senor Carrillo, 61, rode in a bullet-proof 1947 black cadillac given to him recently by Romanian President Nicolae Cea-

"The conference will demonstrate that in Europe today the communists are an important political factor," Senor Carrillo

told reporters. "In Spain today and especi-

MADRID, March 2 (R). — Western Europe's three leading co-aside." ocracy without the legalisation of the Spanish Communist Par-The Spainsh party's applicaty," he said. Faith in a democratic Spain is a very important point for

tion for legal status is before the Supreme Court which has to decide if it falls under a penal code ban on groups that are totalitarian and under international discipline.

Mr. Marchais carried in his briefcase a speech be had planned to deliver at a Communist Party rally tonight banned by the government.

"In our opinion one cannot

Djibouti independence expected by end of June

PARIS, March 2 (R). — The people of the Afars and Issas, France's last African territory, will vote in an independence referendum on April 24, French Overseas Territories Minister Olivier Stirn announced here

If, as generally expected here, the vast majority is in favour, independence will be proclaimed between June 20 and 30. The referendum and independence dates were agreed at the second session of negotiations bere between M. Stirn and representatives of various political parties from the Red Sea enclave, better known by the name of its capital, Djibouti.

France is anxious to complete the independence formalities be-fore the July summit meeting of the Organisation of African Unity, which bas been critical of the continued French presence in Diibouti.

France has some 6,000 troops stationed in the territory, which bas in the past been the object of rival territorial claims by neghbours Ethiopia and Soma-

The French parliament will be called into urgent session to ratify the results of the Ap-ril referendum, M. Stirn said.

voice total support for the cau-ses of the Palestinians, majorito take place peacefully. The government has also said the party leaders may hold a ty rule in Rhodesia, independence in Namibia (Southwest press conference tomorrow. Smith runs into a revolt within his party over

land tenure reform bill

forces.

serve all races.

CAIRO, March 2 (R). — Foreign ministers of more than 60

African and Arab countries we-re gathering here today to pre-

pare for an Afro-Arab summit

on Monday, intended to forge a powerful Third World allian-ce of oil and raw material ex-

In theory, it would be the strongest Third World front yet formed, although the many dif-ferences within and between

the two groups may surface in the meetings bere. Jordan's Minister of State

for Foreign Affairs Hassan

Ibrahim arrived here today to

take part in the foreign minis-ters' meeting which will open Thursday and continue for

Before leaving Amman, Mr. Ibrahim told the Jordan News Agency that the foreign minis-

gramme of cooperation among

Arab and African states. The

There will be an Afro-Arab

The political declaration will

charter and cover joint action

Ily discriminatory is part of Mr.

Smith's plan to reach an inter-

nal settlement with black lea-

ders that would exclude mili-

tants commanding the guerrilla

The government bill would

also allow blacks into boteis

and restaurants and permit pri-

vate schools and hospitals to

A two-thirds majority of the

full 66-member house is needed

to approve the legislation. In

addition to the Rhodesian Froot

dissidents, the 13 independent

black members said they would

abstain in the vote on the bill.

expected on Friday, although

they would take part in the de-

The crisis which is the bigg-

est to face the party since the

white minority broke away from British colonial rule 11

years ago, raised speculation on

The revolt also threatened

a general election.

on Afro-Arab cooperation.

porters

three days.

in all fields.

SALISBURY, March 2 (R). — Prime Minister Ian Smith today appeared headed for a defeat over land reforms giving a better deal to Rhodesia's blacks, following a revolt by 12 mem-bers of his ruling party.

the construction of a new Eu-

rope," Signor Berlinguer said. Senor Carrillo said the Span-

isb government had offered gu-

arantees to enable the meeting

Mr. Ted Suttoo Pryce, who as deputy minister in the prime minister's office was effectively Mr. Smith's right-hand man, joined a walkout of nine rightwing members from a meeting of the parliamentary caucus of the Rhodesian Front party. Th-ree others boycotted the mee-

Later former cabinet minister Reg Cowper, one of the three who were absent, anno-unced be was withdrawing his support from the government. The walkout was in protest over a bill to amend the Land Tenure Act opening up to ooo-whites all but less than half of one per cent of Rhodesia's total

The act, regarded by black nationalists as the biggest single example of racial discrimination in Rhodesia, now divides the country equally between 270,000 whites and more than six million blacks. The scrapping of this and

Mr. Smith's position as premier and Rhodesian Front leader, observers noted, but it was not known if the rebellion would spread to the party rank and

There was speculation today that Mr. Smith might withdraw the bill before a vote is taken. other laws regarded as racla-

At the tripartite summit me-eting in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, the leaders of Egypt, Sudan and Syria last weekend pushed ahead efforts to assert Arab control over the strategically - important Red

In the past, the Eritreans have received discret military support from a number of Arab countries, but Sudan and Syria have now come out openly in support of the guerrillas' 15-year fight for indepen-

An independent Eritrea would deprive Ethiopia of its only direct outlets to the sea but would give the Arabs control of both shores of the Red Sea - except for the small area of the French Territory of the Afars and Issas (Tfai) and a few miles of Israeli beach at Africa) and in the French territory of the Afars and Issas (Djibouti).

Third World front

Arab, African foreign

ministers lay plans for

The declaration on Afro-Arab cooperatin will aim at binding Arab and African economic, financial and trade interests by deciding on measures for pre-ferential trade agreements, and oo supplying their respective markets on a priority basis and cooperating in banking and in-

Other areas of cooperation will be mining, industry, agriculture, energy, transport, communications and telecommuni-

On financial cooperation they will decide there should be bilateral and multilateral longterm loans and Afro-Arab participation in international financial consortia to finance joint projects in Africa and the Arab

ters' meeting will prepare an agenda for the three-day Afro-But all these agreements will Arab summit due in the Egyp-tian capital March 7. He said the agenda will include a prolargely be statements of intent and there may be demands from African states for more concrete action. Tanzania bas submitted a

summit will discuss two documents: a draft political decla-ration and a draft declaration working paper on the alloca-

Allon rebutts opposition to call Rabin's U.S. trip

JERUSALEM, March 2 (R). -Israel's minority government today refused to call off a visit to the United States by premier Yitzhak Rabin, which opposition parties claim could influence

general elections in May. Mr. Rabin begins a two-day visit to Washington to meet President Carter and U.S. officials on March 7.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Knesset that the trip would not be postponed and added: "Even if be is a minority prime minister, he is still prime minister of the entire co-

untry. The centre-right opposition Likud Party said it feared Mr. Rabin would use the visit for electioneering purposes before the Israeli elections on May 17.

Critics told parliament the prime minister might discuss territorial compromises the U.S. administration that were not acceptable to the Kne-

Callaghan to discuss new Rhodesia move with Carter

LONDON, March 2 (AFP). -British Prime Minister James Callaghan will discuss the possibility of a new mitiative on Rhodesia with President Jimmy Carter when he visits Washington next week, Foreign Se-cretary David Owen told par-

liament today. Mr. Owen said : 'The need for a negotiated settlement in Rhodesia becomes more urgent as the situation there deteriorates," adding that he thought it "extremely significant" that Rhodesian premier Ian Smith had not gooe back on his decision to accept African majority rule in spite of the collapse of last year's Anglo-American effort to reach a Rhodesian set-

The opposition foreign affairs spokesman, John Davies, criticised the presidents of the five front-line states (Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana and Angola) for their decision earlier this year to give full backing to the Patriotic Front of Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, to the exclusion of more moderate Rhodesian na-

tionalist leaders. This had provoked Mr. Smith into rejecting the most recent British proposals for a settle-ment, Mr. Davies said.

Mr. Owen recognised the front-line presidents had gone "too far", but said they did not totally exclude other nerties to a settlement. Britain, for its part, considered that all factions of Rhodesian opinion should have a say.

tion of two billion dollars for African development

Other thorny issues are almost certain to be aired. In Africa, there is the continuing dispute between Somalia and Ethiopia, suspicious of one another's intentions over the Red Sea enclave of Djibouti.

There is also the question of the Western Sahara, given to Mauritania and Morocco by Spain, Algeria wants the ter-ritory to be independent and supports the Polisario liberation movement in guerrilla at-tacks on the Moroccans and Mauritanians

In the Arab World, differences include the ideological dispute between Iraq and Syria. Libya's long-standing dispute with Egypt and Sudan's claim that Libya engineered an attempted coup against President Jaafar Nimeiri last July.

In theory, bowever, a genui-ne Afro-Arab alliance would make a formidable force, Africa has vast unexploited

tracts of land and the Arab World has enormous financial resources, although they would still depend to some extent on the West, or the communists, for technological know-

Fateh official calls for Jordan, PLO accord now

KUWAIT, March 2 (R). — A Palestinian commando leader, in an interview published here today, called for a normalisation of relations between Jor-

Mr. Khaled Al Hassan, member of the Fateh Central Committee told the daily new-spaper Al Qabas that a PLO-Jordanian reconciliation should take place as soon as possible. "It is not important whether

the Geneva conference be convened or oot. What counts is that the Palestinian struggle should continue," he said. "What we need at present is a unified Arab stand towards

all Arab and international developments and events," he ad-

The Fatch leader said that a return to the state of no-peace, no-war would lead to "uprisings against the present situa-tion in the region." Talks on a PLO-Jordanian

rapprochement, described by the bead of the Palestinian team as very successful, were beld in Amman last week.

OPEC to finance U.N. common commodity fund

VIENNA, March 2 (R). — OPEC governments pledged financial support last night for a oew international funds to help keep prices steady for Third World producers of raw mate-

The 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) offered unspecified aid to the projected \$6 billioo common commodities fund, to be set up under United Nations auspices.

OPEC Secretary General Ali Jaidah said it was premature to discuss a precise contribution from OPEC's own special development aid fund because the U.N.-backed project was still in the planning stage.

The commitment in principle by OPEC's \$1.6 billion development fund was announced after a two-day conference of OPEC. finance ministers at Vienna'a Hofourg Palace.

The finance ministers set up an expert committee to review possible aid to OPEC member: facing financial difficulties. Mr Jaidah said no member govern ment had applied for such ass

The conference, in a commu nique, said a new U.N.-sponsored Fund for Agricultural Deve-lopment (IFAD), backed with \$435.5 million of OPEC money, should start operation soon. IFAD headquarters should be in Tehran, under a Saudi Arabian president, the finance ministers

ally in Spain tomorrow we are e estimated disbursement u.S., British, Israeli mercenaries years bout to invade Uganda, says Amin

ROBI, March 2 (R). — Ug-in President Idi Amin said y he had been sent a letter neighbouring Kenya say-2,600 American, British and ali mercenaries were crossthat country to invade Ug-..... prayers in a Kampala mo-

for the Prophet Mohams birthday, the president
d on all Ugandans who
w anything about a possible
sion to tell him at once. sport of an invasion threat be second in a week -- foll-the affair of the 240 U.S. ens who live in Uganda.

Gresident Amin summoned atement by President Caro all to see him following last week that recent eve-in Uganda disgusted the ised world. No firm date been set for the twice-posned meeting with the Ame-

r families ast Thursday, invading forwere said to be poised 10 . from Uganda's frontier a its neighbour to the south, Zania.

ns, mostly missionaries and

enya is Uganda's neighbour the east. resident Amin said today Kenyans who wrote the letto him reported mercenarm plain clothes aboard an erican destroyer in the Ken-

tioned at Nanyuki, central U.S. Embassy spokesman Nairobi said there were no ierican warships in Mombasa I no American aircraft at

port of Mombasa and an

erican air force squadron

The letter was said by Radio anda to describe Nairobi and mbasa as "bases of imperists" but to have appealed to : Ugandan policy-making Deice Council not to take "seris action" as this would ennger innocent Kenyans. President Amin thanked the

writers for their "spirit of Af-rican brotherhood" and suggested that the foreign mercenaries might be in Kenya to solve Kenya's internal problems. He did not elaborate.

No further mention was made by the radio of the 240 Americans in Uganda. Provincial governors have been ordered to present President Amin's office today with statements by the Americans on whether they bad been harassed and whether they wanted to stay in the co-

The Americans, now freed from travel restrictions, imposed last week, do not appear in any hurry to leave. In a related development, the United Nations Human Rights Commission yesterday reached a decision over the Ugandan

situation though no details were officially disclosed. Commission President Alexandre Bozovic of Yugoslavia said he was restricted to announcing that decisions had been made in accordance with the commission's mandate, but thet they could not be revealed.

Since it began meeting behind closed docers last Thursday the commission has considered several countries but Uganda is understood to have dominated discussion. Last night President Amin

recalled his United Nations representative to Kampala to discuss U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's call for an impartial investigation into the deaths of three leading Ugan-dans; The Anglican Archbishop and two ministers.

Uganda's chief U.N. delegate, Mr. Khalid Kinene, informed Mr. Waldheim of President Amin's orders during a 20-minute

meeting in New York. Mr. Kinene, who called his meeting with Mr. Waldhelm useful and fruitful, told reporters afterwards that he had not delivered any reply from President Amin to the secretary general's proposal for an international inquiry into the dea-

free to leave if they wished.
"We are very pleased to hear
that", he told reporters after
testifying to a House of Representatives committee.

Mr. Vance said it was premature to talk about plans for evacuatioo until it was known wbether any of the estimated 240 resident Americans wanted

Another missionary slain in Rhodesia

SALISBURY, March 2 (AFP). -A 58-year old Spanish-born Roman Catholic priest, Father Jose Manuel Rubio Diaz, has been found battered to death oear his Bangala Mission station 80 kms south of Fort Victoria, a church spokesman said

spokesman, Father Elsenor of Gwelo Diocese, said be believed the murder was the work of black nationalist guerrillas. "One never knows in a war situation like this but I believe it was guerrillas because they have been present in this area for some time," Father Elsenor said

The church spokesman said Father Rubio appeared to have been hattered to death and his body was badly mutilated. In Rome, the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday welcomed Ug-anda's announcement that Americans living there were now

nounced the killing as an act of "sensless violence".

Two major Eritrean liberation movements prepare to unite as supplies of arms flow in

AMMAN, March 2 (R). - Guer- in Addis Ababa. They are currillas fighting for the indepen-dence of Ethiopia's Red Sea province of Eritrea have begun receiving heavy weapons ranging from artillery to rocket launchers, reliable Eritrean sources said today.

The sources said deliveries had begun earlier this year and more were on the way to the two guerrilla organisations the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC) and the Eritrean Liberation Front, Popular Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF).

They declined to specify the origin or quantity of the wea-pons but said they had consi-derably boosted the fighting strength of the guerrillas. Tha two liberation organisations have been plagued by po-

litical differences in the past

but are united in fighting tro-

ops of the central government

rently completing preparations for their unification. The Eritreans say they con-

trol almost all of the province'a rural areas but have been reluctant to engage in full-sca-le fighting for Ethiopian military bases in major towns before solving the remaining political problems between the two movements. ELF-PLF spokesman Osman Saleh Sabi was recently

las were now preparing to lau-nch what be termed the final stage of the war of liberation by taking Eritrea's nine cities. However, for the past few months, spokesman for the Eritrean Liberation Movements in Damascus and Beirut have insisted that Israeli military advisers have begun establishing a new Ethiopian division specialised in anti-guerrilla war-

quoted as saying that guerril-

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Difficult questions

As we have had another confirmation this week of the Zionist hand in the murder of U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte in Jerusalem in 1948, we remain convinced that the full crimes and deceptions of Israel will be exposed over time. The story of the murder of Count Bernadotte by the Stern Gang is only one of many, and it is part of a greater and more disgraceful web that included such other Jewish groups as the Irgun and the Haganah. The fact that these groups included leaders such as Yigal Allon, Menachem Begin and Moshe Dayan is conveniently forgotten by the world today.

If these are difficult thoughts, one wonders: Why does Israel want the world to forget the crimes of Zionism when it will not let the world forget the crimes committed against the Jews by others? These are difficult questions indeed, but they must be answered if any of us are to pass on the torch of humanity to our children with a flame that is cleaner and brighter than that which was passed on to us.

Is it acceptable to murder U.N. mediators and say this is done to speed up "independence" for Israel? If Count Bernadotte was seen by the Jews as an "obstacle", is murder an accepted way to sweep away obstacles? If this is accepted in London and New York and Hollywood as part of the price that humanity must pay for the "independence" of a Jewish state called Israel, what guarantees has humanity received from the Jews that such transgressions will not be repeated and intensified in the future? If it was acceptable for Jewish groups to murder for their independence in 1948, how can the world expect the same Jewish killers of 1948 to stop their killings a quarter of a century later? If they could murder in the name of achieving independence then, what is to stop them from murdering to safeguard independence today?

Why is it accepted that Israelis can murder Palestinians in Paris or Beirut, but that nobody can retaliate against Israel? Is the blood of a Jew more valuable than the blood of an Arab? Or is this the price that the world pays to forget the horrors of the past?

These are not easy questions at all. But they must be answered. The mind and hand that pulled the trigger on Count Bernadotte are still with us. The psyche of the Stern Gang is not history. It is the state of Israel, the seeker of concussion bombs, the builder of Jewish colonies in all of Palestine. Who will be murdered next for being an "obstacle" in the way of Jewish settlements and independence in the West

Who will tell the killers of '48 that their killing must stop? Where are the statesmen of the world who can summon forth the courage to tell the Israelis that their blood is not more valuable than the blood of any other human being?

Or does the world remain slient in the face of murder, because the full price of past atrocities has not yet been paid?



Superpowers look forward to resume SALT talks

By Gwynne Dyer

The Russians will probably be even less happy about it than the U.S. government, but it looks likely that there will be a new treaty limiting nuclear arms this year after all.

Controlling the superpowers' nuclear arms is a thankless treadmill of a task. No sooner was the first Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT 1) signed by America and Russia in 1972, freezing the numbers of missiles, than multiple warbeads came along to sabotage the agreement. At the end of 1974 Ford and Brezhnev made a tentative agreement to control the multiple warheads, and within a year the Cruise missile appeared to complicate the scene.

We may be sure that if Cruise is incorporated into some new agreement, other new weapons systems will immediately crop up to overthrow the calculations. Technology consis-tently outflanks all efforts to create a stable balance of deterrent power.

All that can be done, perhaps, is to fight a delaying action, trying to bring each new wea-

its implications have become clear. But even that is worth doing, and the matter bas become urgent. The main SALT 1 treaty limiting total missile numbers expires this October. If SALT II is not signed by then the pressure in the United States to produce a new generation of missiles could become irresistible.

That is why the Idea on both sides now seems to be to turn SALT II into another interim, bolding agreement (just like SALT I), in order to stop the rot in at least some areas while they get on with negotiations for SALT III (and IV, and V). On Jan. 18, Mr. Brezhnev said something very like that peech at Tula in the Sov iet Union.

Febr. President Carter saw the Soviet ambassador in Washington, and offered a series of alternative package deals to the Russians. One was that they simply ignore the new Cruise (and the Soviet Backfire bomber), and sign SALT II more or less on the basis tentatively agreed at Vladivostok in 1974. That merely imposed a limit of 2400 delivery vehicles - - long-range missiles and bombers -- on each side, of which only 1320 could have more than one warhead.

Exactly a year ago President Ford made the same proposal, only to have the Russians reject lt. But it is at least possible that Mr. Carter has already had a more favourable response from the Russians

than Ford got.
On Feb. 8, in his first televised press conference, be stated flatly: "I'd be willing to conclude a quick agreement, if the Russians think it advisable, and omit the Backfire bomber and the Cruise missile from the negotiations at this stage; and then in the SALT III talks, If necessary, put these two items back in."

Thas is not charity; the U.S. is giving nothing away. The really significant new weapon is the Cruise missile. The U.S. dragged the Backfire bomber, a weapon of only marginal strategic significance, into the debate mainly in order to create a bargaining counter. If both these weapons remain outside the SALT II limits, it is the U.S. that stands to benefit.

Why should Carter think the Russians will now agree to such a deal? One reason, clear-

the Israelis would not have to fly home for consultations. They could just nibble away at their end of the falafel table, close their eyes, and immediately feel as if they were on the beaches of Tel Aviv pondering the concessions that the Arabs are asking of them.

ly, is that the Russians must realise bow limited Carter's room for manoeuvre is. Through its own suge missile-building

duction of a new generation of strategic bombers in June. Soon a decision must also be taken on full-scale development of a new generation of American land-based missiles. . Carter's decisions will largely depend on the Soviet response to his

If they do agree to sign SALT II more or less on Carter's terms, bowever, he can hold out the strong likelihood of more concessions later. The Cruise missile could be taken up at once in SALT III. He has proposed an immediate end to all nuclear testing for a period

of years, and prior notification

He was unmistakably signalling to the Soviet Union in his choice of Dr. Harold Brown as Defence Secretary, and even more so in his nomination of Mr. Paul Warnke as head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and chief SALT negotiator. While Warnke is far from being a unitateral disarmer, he has argued publicly for U.S. 'restraint' - even one-sided restraint, for a time in the home that the Warner. time, in the bope that the Russians would follow suit.

bas repeatedly shown that his beart is in the right place on nuclear matters. He gives 'a complete elimination of nuclear weapons from Earth' as his long-range goal, by way of a progressive 'cutting down on overall dependence on nuc-lear weapons'. The US would use its influence with Britain and France, and even China, to bring them into this process -- but first the Russians have

Food for thought... For the Arabs, the falafel table would element of absolutely crucial important cause it would satisfy the dual dictates of sigantic egos and appetites. It would them to proclaim that the Israelis were it forced to negotiate upon one of the pit Arab society — the faiafel patty — would provide them with immediate actions the street of the pit the street of the

Third Circle Phantasmic By Omar Ja,

I have become a little bit discouraged by the lack of response to my weekly suggestions about how to bring peace to the Holy Land. But the task of the peace-maker is never easy, and I shall not give up without putting forth several more ideas for peace. This week, I turn to the very complex dilemmas that loom

on the horizon, and which I think must be considered early if we are to have any chance

of a Middle East peace. I refer, of course, to

the Geneva conference. Everybody has been so busy trying to get all the different parties to the conflict to the Geneva talks that nobody

has had the time to look ahead and consider the major problem that will certainly arise: the shape of the table to be used for the nego-

Now this may seem to be an inconsequen-tial matter, but believe me, these Arabs and Israelis are hard bargainers, and they will not

hesitate to argue over the smallest detail. So

as a service to bumanity, I have pondered the matter heavily, as I ponder all matters to do with peace and war in the Holy Land, and I

have come up with a suggestion that I believe

Is wise and workable.

Keeping in mind that we are dealing with

a very complex dispute, and keeping in mind that old solutions will not always work in this matter, I think we have to assume that the

traditional square or round negotiating table will not be appropriate. Therefore I suggest

that what we need are novel new approaches

ing it easy on the taheeni sauce to conform with Swiss decorum and sanitation laws.

I know the suggestion sounds a little bit unusual, but consider its advantages.

cal advantage of mutual familiarity. Falsfel sandwiches are made and eaten by both the Arabs and the Israelis, and thus for negotia-

tors from both sides to gather around a falafel

sandwich would immediately bring a degree of psychological ease and a feeling of being at home that is crucial for such complex nego-

If a deadlock were reached, for example,

First, there is the tremendous psychologic

tlations

Arab society — the falafel patty — would provide them with immediate act the single most important source of but that will be required to sustain them? The long and difficult Geneva negotiation. For both the Arabs and the Israelis, ing of familiarity would certainly enter them to make concessions. They would have just a hard wooden table to grab but rather the soft, warm, greasy four fresh falafel sandwich. A few Pepel could be scattered around the room to could be sandwich table would be a big boast in negotiating process. I can think of nothings Arabs and Israelis closer toget heart, spirit and stomach than a fresh sandwich on a cool summer evening, is something that every israeli and ever can identify with. It is a base that we caupon. It is an element that can bring the and the Israelis together faster than are else I can think of.

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Procedural hurdles be damned! Page !

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Two of the Jordanian dailies commented Wednesday on how the Islamic world and in particular the Arab countries should celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Mobammad and bow they should stick to his teachings in order to achieve their unity and prosperity.

AL DUSTOUR under the heading "How to celebrate the anniversary?" says that the Arabs commemorating that occasion are presently numbered by the millions, living in stra-tegic places East West, some of whom possess great riches. In spite of all this wealth and strategic position, one of their most valuable pieces of land remains under occupation by the enemy, long known for its hostility towards Islam and famous for its plots against Islam's followers.

Will the Arabs, the paper wonders, while pordering on this occasion the merits of the prophet and his teachings, honestly try to assess themselves and what they have done to apply his principles? Or will they just be content to deliver the tradional speeches and en-joy the festivities organised for the occasion ?

We wish that they compare their present position to that at the time of the life of the Prophet, to think about the causes of their disunity and those of the many tragedies they have experienced.

They should always be reminded that this situation in which they presently find them-selves is of their doing and not what has been planned for them by the Prophet.

They should be convinced that the celebration of the birth of the Prophet, before anything else, should be kept by adhering completely to his teachings and by following his example. We need to celebrate such

an occasion, the paper says, by serious work, to possess the courage to recognise our past errors and decide to return to the right path set by Islam. AL SHA'B says that the ann-

iversary of the birth of the Pro-phet Mohammad comes to remind us of our failure, for the eleventh consecotive year, to liberate the Al Aqsa Mosque, the place from which the Prophet ascended to Heaven. This occasion once again, the paper says, provides us with the proof of our shortcomings and neglect in liberating the land which was blessed by God.

The meaning and purpose of the anniversary is thus outlined, the paper adds. We should profit from that occasion to call for Jihad Holy War to liberate the Al Aqsa and try to put more zest in our efforts for that purpose at the Arab and Islamic level.

We should realise that the anniversary and the festivities will have no value if the Al Aqsa and the lands surrounding it remain under occupation. This eleventh occasion comes back to sound the call for Jihad (Holy War) to liberate the holy places of Islam. Will anybody hear that call, the paper

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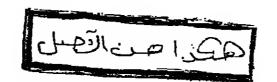
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The German-Jordanian Society: A tighter for the Arab cause

William Fr. Kurt Uihlein, the founder of the German-Jordasian Society, recently paid a visit to Amman. During its stay, he was interviewed by the Jordan Times on the activities of the 1,000-member society, that had be activities of the 1,000-member society, that had no fight against anti-Arab feelings before gaining a measure of respectability. It now includes in its members and the youngest son of the heasure of respectability. It now includes in an of the emperor. ast Austrian emperor.

By Lina Gress

I had never before encounad such hospitality and frie-ship as I did on my first visit with Jordan in 1960. Overwhelmthe same of the sa But he of Times during his recent vi-The land of



Ever since its inception, the ciety has been very active in quainting the German people th various aspects of Jordan,

Mr. Uihlein, who is also Horary Consul of Jordan in Haver, has given many lectures out Jordan. In addition, the ciety has distributed thousthe new dis of gift copies of books on rdan, such as "Uneasy Lles
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the German-Jordanian So-A news periodical, the Deuned quarterly by the Geran-Jordanian Society. It puishes many articles about ardan and tries to clarify the alities of the Middle East cris, and in particular the Pa-stinian problem; it also highthis Jordanian development ojects and the progress Jorin has made in recent years. Furthermore, Mr. Uihlein ressed that the society orga-bases social gatherings in Ha-byer for Germans and Jorda-:ian students, doctors and wo-.... : cers. It also assists Jordanians ith their residence permits

and helps them find accommodation and jobs. The society invites Jordanians that are on training courses in Germany, as well as Jordanian tourists, to visit its premises in Hano-

To bring to life one of the most exciting and historic sites in Jordan dating back to 300 R.C., the society held an exhi-bition of "Nabatean Art from Petra" in Hanover's Restner Museum last November. The inaugural ceremony attracted several hundred visitors to the carvings of the rose-red city

This February the exhibition moved from Hanover to Frankfurt's Liebig Museum, and from Frankfurt the exhibition will go to Bonn and then the Finnish capital of Helsinki.

The exhibition consists of photographs, as well as jugs and plates made available by the Jordanian Ministry of Tonrism and Antiquities. The Louvres Museum in Paris contributed two busts of Nabatean people carved in stone, and several individuals contributed Nabatean antiquities from their pri-vate collections. The society issued booklets on Petra and the Nabatean kingdom, Mr. Uihlein explained.

The German-Jordanian Society has grown to include 1,000 members, most of them are Germans. Among them are ministers, dukes and the youngest son of the last Austrian emperor, Dr. Otto von Habs-

In Germany alone, there are about 400 friendship societies linking Germany with other countries. The German-Jorda-nian Society is in the top ten. On the initiative of the Ger-

man-Jordanian Society, a convention was recently organised in Hanover for all Arab-Jor-danian societies in Germany with the aim of bringing them closer together and strengthening German-Arab relations.

Many obstacles had to be overcome before the society reached its present status. "In 1967 -- after the Arab-Israeli tell the German people that the Arabs are our friends". It was then practically impossible to publish a pro-Arab article in the German newspapers", Mr.

Uihlem stated.
Mr. Uihlein, who visited Jordan after the 1967 war, saw with his own eyes the women and children, civilians and soldlers, who were the victims of Israeli napalm bombs. He recalls that when be returned to Germany, he exerted great pressure on German newspapers to write articles in defence of the stricken people, but it was only

after he produced the napalm photographs, that he succeeded in convincing the press to speak on behalf of the victims. In 1967, the German-Jordanian Soviety played an active role in helping the Palestinian refugees. It sent blankets, tents and medicine, and later a mo-bile unit for dentistry and thousands of special bags for school children.

A major event in the Ger-man-Jordanian Society was the visit of His Majesty King Hussein to West Germany in 1968. His Majesty addressed society members and the guest; invited to Dusseldorf

The society tries to encourage tourism to Jordan, and each year organises tours for German tourists.

Mr. Uihlein stressed that

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Hanover is known world-wide for its annual international fair, which has proved to he a catalyst in the promotion of tra-

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in London a week ago, two

companies have been commis-

sioned by the Saudi Ministry

of Agriculture to evaluate the

water resources and agricultu-

ral potential of the 350,000 sq.

kms, eastern region of the king-

years to complete.

The job will take 3.5

The study will be carried out

sultants are a success,

BUSINESS

de relations between Jordan and West Germany.

The German-Jordanian Society, having its headquarters m Hanover, has played a big role in providing leading German firms with up-to-date information on economic development in Jordan. It has also acted as a fruitful contact for German and Jordanian firms.

Mr. Uihlein praised the existing relations between Jordan and West Germany. He emphasised that the popularity of Jordan and its king among the German public will continually pave the way for the German-Jordanian Society to enlarge its various activities. He also stated that he was proud of being a spokesman for the Arab cause in general, and for

Jordan in particular.
In appreciation of his activities and his devotion to Jordan, His Majesty King Hussein has bestowed upon him two high-ranking decorations.

Consultants chosen to open up

Saudi desert to agriculture

by more than 100 experts un-

der the control of Water and

Ground water Development Co-

nsultants (International) Ltd., a

company formed jointly by Hu-nting Technical Services Ltd.,

and consulting engineers Sir M.

MacDonald and Partners. The

U.K. consultants were chosen

by the Saudi government in competition with French, Ita-

lian, U.S. and Australian con-

WATER SEARCH

With the aid of satellite pho-

tographs of the area, special-



Hassan Ibrahim, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (second from left) awaits his plane to Cair Wednesday for the Afro-Asian foreign ministers' conference opening Thursday. (JNA photo).

At celebration on Prophet's birthday Prince Hassan: Moslems should draw inspiration from Mohammad

ness Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, Wednesday afternoon presided over a celebration held

ists such as agriculturalists,

agronomists, soil scientists, geologists and geophysicists will probe the thick belt of li-

mestone that lies under the re-

glon. This is said to contain

substantial quantities of water

which could be the key to the development of parched areas

where rainfall is almost non-

existent and where temperatu-

res can frequently exceed 40

The aim will be to identify

both the quantity and quality

of water that can be extracted

from this underground source,

which is known as the Um Al

As well as probing beneath the surface, experts will also study the make-up of soils in the area and their ability to produce crops if they can be

irrigated. Once it is clear where

agricultural development can

consultants will plan two pilot farms, each of 100 bectares

These farms will be used to

find out the most suitable me-

thods of agricultural produc-

tion, covering a wide range of

options from peasant farming

to modern commercial enter-

prises using the latest mecha-

SAUDI CONTRACTS

sible for a previous investiga-

tion into water resources need-

ed to supply extra water for the Saudi capital of Riyadh.

The study, completed in 1975, led to the MacDonald company

heing contracted to design the necessary extraction plant, tre-

The two firms also carried out the study and design of the

Al Aflaj irrigation project and

have been involved in a num-

ber of other development stu-

atment works and pipelines.

The U.K. firms were respon-

nical equipment and plant.

produce the best results,

Radbuma aquifer.

by the Ministry of Waqf, Isla-mic and Holy Places Affairs at Al Hussein Youth City on the occasion of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday.

Opening the ceremony, Prin-ce Hassan recalled the age of ignorance and tyranny in which the world lived before the appearance of Islam, which brought not only a new faith but also established new codes of buman behaviour, rules for solving man's problems and a civilisation based on the lofty principles of justice and righteousness.

Prince Hassan said the birth of the Prophet should mark a dividing point in human his-tory: The one before and the one after. "It is the dividing line between the road of darkness and the road of light." Prince Hassan added.

He went on to say that Islam's mission of reformation was not meant for the Arabs and their lands only, but em-braced all other parts of the known world at that time.

His Highness called upon all Arabs and Moslems to draw

picious anniversary," so they may close ranks, win over themselves and their inclinations and realise that this is the only way to gain victory over their enemies."

Taking the stand after the vicercy, the Minister of Waqf, Islamic and Holy Places Affairs Kamel Al Sharif reviewed the history of Islam. He stressed that it was the identification with Islam, which protected the Arab nation against trials and tribulations in its history, and which enabled it to firmly withstand the crusader and Tartar invasions.

He pointed out that the backwardness suffered by the Moslem nations in many ways needs an injection of Islamic thinking for Islam calls for the acquisition of knowledge and learning, as much as hard work, production, brotherliness and mutual consultation bet-ween governor and governed. The President of the Univer-

sity of Jordan, Dr. Ishaq Al Farhan, highlighted some as-pects of the Prophet's great-ness and their reflection "on our needs in the present time." He said the Prophet was great in his character and behaviour, great in reformation, education, leadership, justice and administration -- qualities which ou-ght to be the guideline for all

peoples of the world.
Concluding the celebration,
the muftl of the Jordanian Armed Forces congratulated the royal family and all Moslems on this great anniversary.

Telecomms. official to attend postal conference

AMMAN (JNA). - The Director of Planning at the Ministry of Communications, Saleh Al Tal, Friday leaves for Japan to participate in a seminar on mobile post offices and the mechanisation of postal equip-

A total of 15 African and Asian states will take part in the I5-day seminar organised by Japan for high-ranking pos-tal officials. It will start on

Electric power memoranda exchanged

AMMAN (JNA). — Memoranda for cooperation between Jordan and West Germany in the elec-trical field were exchanged Tuesday at the Jordan Electricity Authority.

Under the memoranda, the German government will provide Jordan with a loan worth 500,000 marks to meet the expenses of appointing an electri-cal engineer for three years to supervise the installation of a 33 kV electrical distribution network.



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girls' hall of residence at the University of Jordan and looked into services provided there.

* AMMAN. - Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Gen. Zeid Ibn Shaker Tuesday visited the Royal 12th Infantry Mechanised Division. He visited some of the division's units and looked over their training programmes.

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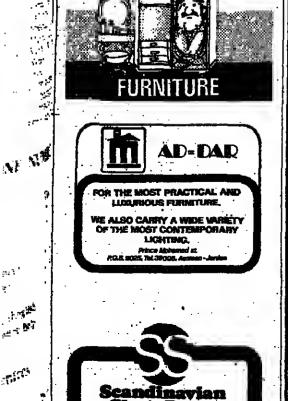
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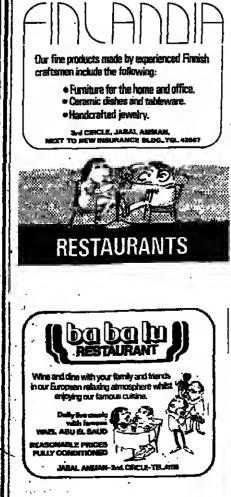


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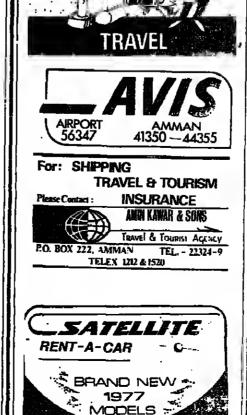
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- 2 The scope of work includes four levels building with offices, laboratory and industrial floor to be completed within 12 months including heating, plumbing, air conditioning, water treatment, electrical equipment, etc. (Bulk earth moving excluded).
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BOSTON, (CSM). - After a it a mixture of vague correlahard winter, the United States west of the Mississippi River should be alert to another potential climatic hazard - - severe drought -- meteorologists warn.

California's current water shortage and the Rocky Mountain-Great Plains snow deficit may be symptomatic of a larger trend -- return of the dry part of a roughly 20-year, sunspotrelated drought cycle.

Environmental Data Service senior climatologist J. Murray Mitchell Jr. says that, in his judgment, there now is persuasive evidence for this cycle, which has been postulated by some experts for years. 'Tm not predicting drought will oc-cur this summer," he says, "I am warning that this analysis suggests that right now, we should be extra cautious."

This reinforces warnings that some other climatologists have made to the effect that the United States could not expect the relatively favourable farming weather of the 1960s to continue indefinitely.

Climatologist Stephen Sch-neider of the National Centre for Atmnspheric Research, for example, has urged what he calls a "Genesis strategy" of storing food in good years to offset lower production when weather turns bad, a strategy modeled after that of the Biblical Joseph.

A summer drought could be serious for the North American granary. While California's lack water has captured headlines, a potential serious water shortage has also been hullding up for the Great Plains.

Lee Larson of the National Weather Service's Rural Forecast Centre in Kansas City says that the Great Plains went into winter with a substantial water deficit. Soils in many areas were exceptionally dry then. Lack of normal snowfall, both over many plains areas and in the Rocky Mountain water catchment, means heavy

spring rains are badly needed.
Furthermore, Mr. Larson
says, general water-supply reservoirs now are only 50 to 70 per cent full. "Heavy late sp-ring snows are needed in the Rockies, and that gets less likely as we move on," he explains, adding, "It's a bad situation."

Given this situation, and given what he believes to be good reason to think there is a sunspot-phased drought cycle that could hit about now, Dr. Mit-chell feels it is only wise to warn Americans to be prepared

To many, this may not seem to be a very startling development. But for a meteotologist to admit to such judgment concerning sunspots is like an astronomer saying there is scientific validity to the claims of astrologers. The whole subject nf solar influences on weather (except to supply the atmosphere's hasic energy) has been debated emotionally on the fringes of weather science for

over a century. Most meteorologists consider tions, wishful thinking, and outright hokum. And sunspot correlations are considered the worst of the lot.

The sticking point is lack of cause-effect relationships. In a review article a year and a half agn in Nature, science historian A. J. Meadows of the University of Leicester (England) observed:

"After a century of accumulating correlations on the activity of sunspots and atmospheric phenomena around the Earth, we still have no clear idea what they mean."

He added, "However many numbers are involved, the old

doubts are unlikely to be resolved so long as all that can be offered is statistical regu-

Now, Dr. Mitchell says, those

regularities do have to be taken seriously as far as sunspot cycles and North American drought west of the Mississippi River are concerned, "Don't ask me to explain it," be says, 'I can't. But the phaselocking between drought and the sunspot cycle is strong."

This is the 22-year spot cycle. The spots themselves wax and wane with roughly an Ilyear period. But they reverse their magnetism in a 22-year cycle. Dr. Mitchell says there is no correlation between the drought data and the II-year cycle. He also finds no correlatinn between sunspots and the wet periods between drought

for some time been pointing out what seemed to be a cor-

drought and this 22-year cycle. Walter Orr Roberts and Roger H. Olsen of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research have been foremost in this. Matching up droughts with 22-year sunspot minima, they have associated the middrought years of 1892, 1912, 1934 (dust bowl), and 1953 with the spot

> Dr. Mitchell says he was as skeptical as most other meteorologists about this match up until he saw drought data going back to 1700 which Charles W. Stockton of the University of Arizona produced by analy-

minima of 1889, 1912, 1933, and

zing three rings.
The drought cycle stands out sharply, he says. Just to "make Several earth scientists have sure we weren't doing something slippery with the

to independent statistical and

In statistician's terms, the cy cle is judged to be real at 95 percent level of significance Its correlation with the sur spot cycle is judged meaning ful at a significance level of 8 percent. That means the statisticians believe there is repectively, only 5 percent pro bability and I percent probi bility that they are mistake in judging the cycle and the correlation to be real.

That still doesn't explai what causes what or how th correlation works. It doesn aven imply that the correlatio holds in other parts of the world. But as a means of prodicting drought-prone epochs in the United States west of the Mississippi River, it probab!

Gas pipeline promises to heat Canadian feelings

CALGARY, (CSM). — Canadians have always had an uneasy relationship with pipelines. So the current controversy over petroleum industry proposals to build an arctic natural-gas pipeline is no sur-prise to the proponents of the multi-billion-dollar ventures.

Antagonistic Canadians will admit that these steel transmission lines are vital to their economy. Yet, virtually every time there has been an attempt to put a portion of the network into place (by nnw it is one of the most extensive networks in the world), the proposal has attracted furious opposition attracted furious opposition from every level of Canadian

Canadian feelings, whipped up by the recurrent pipeline issues, became intense enough to topple the federal government during hitter debates in the Ottawa parliament in the mid-1950s.

Politicians argued over the awarding of the exclusive right to ship Alberta gas to Ontario and to additional points of de-livery in the U.S. Great Lakes region. The privilege was so-ught with equal vebemence by Canadian and American gro-

The same intente opposition bas flared up, and remains smoldering, in connection with the latest industry proposals to build a buge gas transmis-sion line from the Arctic sh-ores to continental markets.

The main components of the current crop of pipeline pro-posals closely resemble seve-ral of the more contentious points of the pipeline issues tackled here during the past 20 years.

ment of rivalry between Canadian and U.S. sponsors.

Also, there is the renewed prospect of federal and pro-vincial jurisdictional conflicts over who will control the potentially lucrative and strategically important north-tosouth transmission system.

Two consortiums are involved in the Arctic pipeline enterprise. Both are awaiting a de-



cision from Ottawa that may allow one of the competing proposals to go ahead or, per-haps, to condemn both bids to

the history books. Canadian Arctic Gas Study, Ltd. (CAGSL) wants to build an express line that would tie in gas supplies from Prudhoe Bay and Canada's own Mack-enzie River Delta into a common carrier system, simultaneously servicing Canadian and American producers and con-sumers of frontier gas.

The tentative price tag for the 4,000 km. pipeline, using large-diameter steel pipe, is more than \$7.5 billion.

The CAGSL group includes many of the household names in the U.S. petroleum industry, along with some leading Canadian operators.

Meanwhile, some of CAG-SL's former founding members by now its most ardent foes, are trying for the Arctic pipeline concessions under the patriotic banner of the 'Maple Leaf" project. The original Maple Leaf ob-

jective was to move only Delta gas to Canadian markets. But lately, because of the persisting shortfalls in Delta fuel reserves to justify an all-Cana-dian gas pipeline in the Mack-enzie Valley, the Maple Leaf project has been modified to provide for the passage of Alaska gas, too.
Including connections along

the Alcan Highway to tap the gas supplies on the North Slope of Alaska, the Maple Leaf plans represent cost esti-mates of about \$5 billion. They envisoge a somewhat less am-bitious installation than CAG-SL's blueprints.

The competitive spirit of the industry is heightened by the declared Canadian policy that will permit only one Arctic gas. pipeline in the Mackenzie "cor-

The main difference that sets the pipeline problems of 1977 apart from earlier pro-posals is the relatively new nenomenon of northern native land claims.

The Yukon and Northwest Territories, covering a total of over two million sq. kms. have been carved up during the past two years by various native organisations. These groups base their respective claims on their historical usage of the

The land claims by the Indian or Dene nations, Metis half-breeds, and the two grounds. ps of Eskimo will have an inevitable effect on the two pipeline proposals and related It is simply inconceivable

that either one of the rive Arctic pipeline proposals coul-be financed without some kin

of a native land settlement being reached in the first place. The Canadian government although sympathetic to an eventual settlement of native land claims, is hardly in a pe sition to resolve the land to sue at the earliest opportun

Its own fact-finding inquir spent almost two years to n cord the sentiments of the approximately 35,000 native no therners with respect to indu

trial development plans. The exercise has turned a frightening mixture of feeings among native people; with certain factions supporting th pipelines while others swo to defend their traditional va ues and ways of life by gu

if necessary. From a practical point view, time is fast running or for a federal decision because the Arctic pipeline would have to be in place by 1980 to maindustry objectives in Alask and the Mackenzie Delta r

On the other hand, given the past Canadian experience, the Arctic pipeline will amo certainly become a major issi in the next federal election due to be beld sometime with the next 16 months.

Micro-pollutants present a management time-bomb threa' to our climate

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CSM). When it comes to weatherchanging pollution, the small stuff we've been neglecting may

count after all -- Chemicals which meteorologists thought too sparsely distributed to matter may tend

to warm up the climate. - Radioactive krypton, a waste gas vented by atomic reactors in amounts generally considered safe, may change electrical conductivity of atmosphere. This, in turn, might affect thunderstorms

other weather phenomena. Nobody yet knows enough about the possible effects of these pollutants to cry "dan-ger". Indeed, some earlier stu-dies have dismissed concern for these highly diluted chemi-cals out of hand. But lately a few scientists have begun to have doubts about this practice.

W. C. Wang, Y. L. Yung, A.
A. Lacis, T. Mo, and J. E. Hansen, working at the Goddard
Space Flight Centre, institute
for Space Studies, have taken another look at pollution associated with chemical fertilisers and the hurning of coal, oil,

wood, and gas.

This is not pollution from carbon dioxide, which most experts do consider a danger likely to cause undestrable warming. It is pollution by traces of ammonia, methane, nitrous oxide, and some other

in Science magazine, the re-searchers reported a stud." admittedly simplistic. suggests that these chemica could act together to cau-

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The case of krypton is ewless straightforward. If indeit is changing the atmosphere electrical properties, no one h. a clear concept of what the might do to weather and cliur

Last July, William L. Boeiof Niagara University show how krypton might well chan the air's conductivity, at why, that being the case, polition by this gas should taken more seriously.

- "Chemically inert . . . (it) w penetrate the entire atmo phere, so that its effects may felt anywhere on the globe." explained, adding, "because its long radioactive half-li

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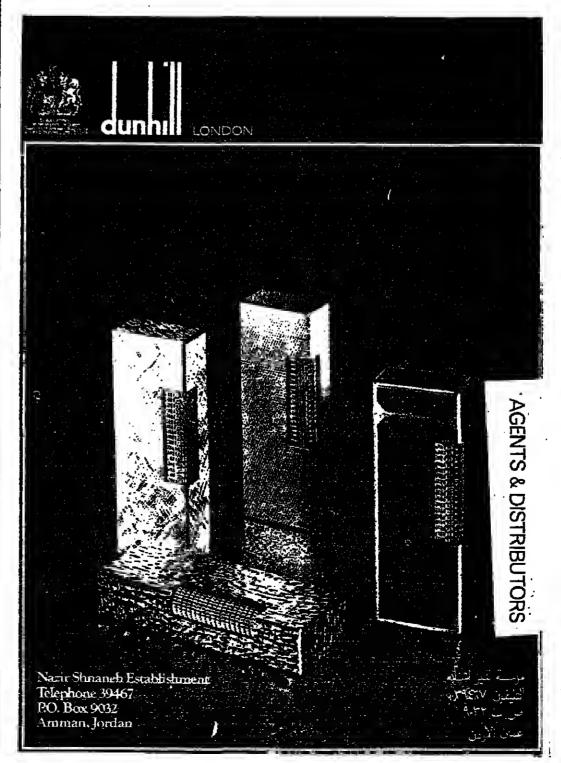
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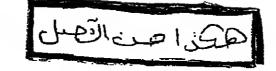
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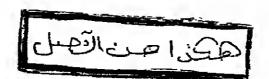
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Pass Pass Pass

the whims of Dame Fortune. North-South bid easily to their normal contract. North might have passed South's jump to three no trump, but since he had four-card spade support and a potential ruffing value, his decision to contioue on to the spade game was eminently correct. Barring unforeseen circumstances, four spades would have yielded ten easy tricks.

The king of diamonds lead would have killed any chance declarer had for his contract. but the auction steered West away from that lead, and he settled on the ten of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and a spade to the ace brought the bad news.

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Declarer cashed dummy's

turned to his hand with the king of hearts. Now he led the queen of hearts. If West ruffed, declarer would over-

ace-king of clubs, then re-

ruff, draw trumps and claim ten tricks by cashing his high club. When West followed suit, declarer discarded dummy's jack of

clubs. The position was essentially the same. Declarer now led his queeo of

If West discarded, declarer would lose only three diamonds, so West ruffed low. But that availed him naught. Declarer simply

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Engage in worthwhile activities during spare time but don't spend any money foolishly. Take no chances with your reputation.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be alert to new opportunities that may arise at this time. Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21). Discuss future plans with associates. Avoid one who does not understand you. Ohtain the data you need from the right sources.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make those changes that will bring you greater financial benefits in the days ahead. Follow the advice of nn expert.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Come to a better understanding with essocietes. Take no chances with one who bas an eye on your assets.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make plans that wall give you greater ahundance in the future. Change your attitude with mate and get excellent results. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A new attitude can see you

gaining some aim that bad been difficult in the past. Make sure routine work is done efficiently. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 211 Engage in civic work

now and add to present prestige. Show more devotion to family. Show others you have wisdom. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study new outlets

through which you can make the future much brighter tor yourself. Relax at home tonight. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure you keep promises made to others. Follow your hunches which are

accurate today and tonight. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have to change your attitude with associates if you are to get the right results at this time. Use care in motion tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be more cooperative with co-workers and gain excellent results. A gift for your mate can pave the way to better understanding.



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Pre-election violence brings Pakistani troops to Karachi on eve of Premier Bhutto's visit

KARACHI, March 2, (Agencies). — Troops were brought into Karachi today in case of renewed political violence during an election campaign visit by Pakistan's Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Mr. Bbutto will arrive here tomorrow to lead a big pro-cession of his Pakistan Peop-les Party (PPP) supporters through the city and then address a public meeting.

Owen to visit Egypt, Israel

LONDON, March 2 (R). - Britain's new Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen, said yesterday that he hoped to visit Egypt and Isrsel in the next few months to talk to their leaders and asses the Middle East situation at first hand.

He told parliament that the role of the United States in getting Middle East peace negotiations under way would be decisive, but Europe could and should not stand aside.

Western Europe's interests in the Middle East were numerous, the nations of the area had become Europe's major trading patners, he added.

British officials said that da-

Observers anticipate there could be fresh clashes between PPP workers and the opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) in the city, which has turned against the government in the last few weeks of the campaign for general elections to be held on March 7.

No serious clasbes were reported today after two days of violence in which two people were killed and 60 injured.

tes for Dr. Owen's visits to Egypt and Israel bad yet to be fixed through diplomatic channels.

On Cyprus, Dr. Owen said it was too early to say where substantial progress towards a settlement would be made in the intercommunal talks between the Greek-Cypriot majority and the Turkish-Cypriot minority representatives starting in Vienna on March 31.

He said Britain would remain in close touch with her allies and partners in the European Community to decide what initiative, if any, they could take to negotiate a further settle-

while the banks, the unions and

city officials baggle over terms

Without an immediate infus-

for repaying sbort-term debts.

ion of money, city officials say New York will again face bank-

ruptcy on March II and will not be able to pay firemen. police and rubbish collectors. The \$255 million is the last

part of a \$2.1 billion line of

credit set up by the federal government at the end of 1975 to save the financially-troubled

But Washington's price for the \$255 million is agreement on how to repay the short-term

Repayment was originally po-

stponed under a so-called debt

city from bankruptcy.

The troops arrived here in the early hours of the morning from an army camp some 24 kms. outside the city and set up quarters in the National St-

Informed sources said the troops had been brought in as a precautionary measure.

Meanwhile, an opposition leader has demanded that the president dismiss Premier Bbutto's government to ensure fair general elections.

Mr. Sherbaz Mazari, head of National Democratic Party, a component of the nine-party opposition alliance, said at a press conference that the four provincial chief ministers should also be removed before the

He said that the high court or any other agency should take over the country and the army called in so that elections will he conducted impartially.

Mr. Mazari alleged violence by the government against the opposition and said that some 200 of his political workers had been arrested in Karachi where he is contesting the

The banks want a strong out-

side body to supervise city

spending for years to come.

Israeli £

devalued

TEL AVIV, March, 2 (R).

The Israeli pound was devalued at midnight last

night by about 2 per cent, from 9.07 to 9.25 against

a basket of foreign curren-

Jewish Stern Gang admits murdering

TEL AVIV, March, 2 (R). - The Jewish underground organisation, the Stern Gang, murdered United Nations mediator Count Folke Bernadotte in Jerusalem in 1948, one of the group's

Yedioth Aharonoth as saying Count Bernadotte was regarded as "pro-Arab and an obstacle to the independence of Israel." He said the murder was carried out by a group of four men dressed in British army uniforms. Acting on information from a foreign journalist they set up a roadblock where Count

After stopping the convoy, one of the four Stern Gang men walked up to the count's car and fired a sub-machine gun at him. He died within minutes and the four Stern Gang men escaped, Mr. Zeltger sald.

The late Mr. David Ben Gurion, Israel's first prime minister

ordered the Israell secret service to seek out the culprits, but

a ceasefire (in the 1948 war between the Jews and the Arabs)

he did so whenever this was favourable to the Arabs.

"We were certain that if this policy continued, the state of Israel would cease to exist. He was the obstacle to our independence," Mr. Zeitger told the newspaper.

Carter tells Soviet dissident he won't change stand on human rights

ple imprisoned is so great that

they are more convincing than

Meanwhile, the Soviet news

agency Tass today criticised

the United States for suppor-ting freedom in words but not

in deed and accused it of hy-

pocrisy in the matter of human

In a commentary by Mr. Yu-

ri Jornilov headlined "Human

the results of any poll.'

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R). he added "the number of peo-- President Carter beld a 10minute meeting yesterday with exiled Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky, and told him that the U.S. commitment to buman rights was strong and perma-

Welcoming Mr. Bukovsky with a "hi, I'm Jimmy Carter," the president said be would not be timid ahout his statements or positions on human rights anywhere in the world.

Bukovsky last night urged the United States to cut off cre-dits to the Soviet Union and end technological cooperation, because, as Lenin said, "the Capitalista will sell us the rope on which we shall hang them

He told several hundred persons who came to see him at George Washington University hours after his White House interview "my presence here tonight is an example of how sensitive the Soviet Union is to the pressures of world public

Asked why there was not greater resistance to the Soviet regime at home, Mr. Bukovsky replied "there are no Gallup polls in the Soviet Union," but

not responding favourably to

India due to her role in deve-loping countries and they did

not want the devaloping na-

and social gains of the emer-

gency, Mrs. Gandhi said that

it was due to the strict action

taken against the economic of-

fenders, smugglers and other anti-social elements that the

country had now record reser-

ves of foreign exchange amoun-

ting to 9,000 million rupees

(\$1,000 million). Therefore she

called upon the people to vote

Congress to power to continue the process of economic stabili-

ty acquired during the emergen-

Meanwhile, the opposition

Janata Party today demanded

an impartial judicial inquiry into the circumstances under which veteran Gandhian politi-

cian Jayaprakasb Narayan suf-

fered heart and kidney diseases

during his imprisonment under the emergency.

ILO Secretary General Francis

Blanchard on working condi-

tions for Arabs in the territor-

was postponed from last Nov-ember's session of the govern-ing body after Arab ILO dele-gates disagreed with Mr. Bl-

anchard over the way be plan-

ned to gather more information on the issue.

The governing body, which meets several times a year, is

made up of 28 government de-

legates, 14 representatives of employers and 14 workers' de-

legates. Decisions taken must

be ratified by the annual 132-

member International Labour

nal position in the talks now

being held in Libya by deman-

ding their own national flag

and armed forces. President Marcos told reporters.

ting with a government panel

also want him to issue a dec-

The MNLF leaders negotia-

Conference here in June.

talks blocked

Consideration of the report

ies occupied by Israel.

Referring to the economic

tions to be self-reliant.

yesterday for talks with Soviet officials, Tass news agency re-But Mr. Nkomo, leader of the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU), refused to tell reporters, who contacted him hy phone, wbether he planned

ders or what the nature of his talks would be. Observers believed Mr. Nkomo could be in Moscow to brief Kremlin's African experts on African nationalist move-ments before President Nikolai Gandhi defends emergency measures Podgorny tours Zambia; Tanzania and Mozambique later

to meet any of the Kremlin lea-

Diplomatic sources bere said President Podgorny was expected to meet representatives of African nationalist organisa-

this month, observers said.

tions in Lusaka between Mills and 23. MOSCOW, March 2 (R). --Rhodesian black nationalist leader Josbua Nkomo arrived here Mr Nkomo is joint hear the Patriotic Front with Robert Mugabe, spokesmar the biggest and most mill

the agency noted that all si

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ghts ?" it asked.

Rhodesian nationalist

Nkomo visits Moscow

"However what sort of eq

example, a banker or an inc.

guerrilla army, Zimbabwe rican National Union (ZAI Tass news agency said. Nkomo met Mr. Vladimir l ryatsev, Deputy Chairmer the Afro-Asian Solidarity C mittee which handles the Kilin's links with non-govern tai Third World groupings Mr. Kudryatsev wished

Nkomo and his delega "every success in their st gle against the domination power by a white minor Tass said. The Soviet Union has t

mented favourably on the riotic Front and appeared in official press here to back front'a position at the abou-Geneva talks on the futur

Disclosures of defecting Soviet pilot will cause reappraisal of NATO's defence, magazine say

BONN, March, 2 (R). — Stern news magazine said today NA-TO would make a complete reappraisal of its defence policies following disclosures by Mr. Viktor Belenko, the Soviet pilot who defected flying a Mig 25 jet to Japan last September.

Stern sald one of his more startling disclosure was that the Russians maintained dummy military bases that fooled U.S. spy satellites.

The news magazine said its report was based on U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) accounts of the flier's interrogation.

He had led the U.S. to detect more than 130 dummy bases, mostly in Siberia or near the

fighter plane to Japan last tember and said he wante. live in the United States. .. Mr. Belenko told the CI series of pseudo camps . airfields, some of which ... dummy planes which coul pushed about on rollers.

"paper-airport" so convince that it fooled highly sen-U.S. satellites. Mr. Belenko said the S Union's real military bases located underground and a

red to as "mole hills" by soldiers. There are installations several thousand soldiers, metres of tunnel roads, har

and runways which lead to The 27-year-old pilot made a as saying.

NATO's Gen. Haig sag Europe must contribu

Gen. Haig told the Senate Armed Services Committee that European contributions to NA-

On the other hand, he said, the Allies had not been "flag-rantly remiss".

He also said the U.S. for years had been preoccupied with Asia and had drawn for-

The solution to NATO problems, in the face of a big build-up by the Warsaw Pact, would come through closer consultation and cooperation and not through threats from this side

Sen. John Stennis, the Mississippi Democrat who presides as chairman over the Armed Services Committee

"It is necessary, I think critical, that the Allies contribute their fair share of the defence of what is, after all, their own bomeland."

Sen. Stennis said NATO nations outspent Warsaw Pact nations on defence by only \$9 billion in 1976 -- \$149 billion to \$140 billion -- even though NATO'a total gross national product (GNP) almost triples that of the other side.

"So, if there is any problem in terms of military balance between NATO and the War-

spectacular escape in a Mi

Twelve soldiers could ru

more to West's defend.

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R).

— Gen. Alexander Haig, NA-TO'a Military Commander, said yesterday that America's Euro-pean allies have not contributed enough to their own defen-

But he cautioned the U.S. Congress against making be-avy-handed threats on the is-

TO had been rising in recent years while the U.S. contribu-tion had declined.

But he added that "I am not satisfied with European contributions -- they have not been enough."

ces out of Europe.

of the Atlantic, the NATO commander said.

saw Pact, it would appear to

be more of a problem of than resources," be added. Gen. Haig said major expenditures had gone into rategic weapons and naval:

which required some impressed and alterations in TO's conventional, or non-

He said the present emp is was on improving con los tional forces 'not because los view nuclear deterrents as Important, but because we ew a stalwart conventional pability as the pre-requisite such deterrents, and bec the deficiencies in our con

massive increases in manpo. and equipment, he said.

Gen. Haig said there she be some shifting of fo since as many as 50 per of the allied battations v 50 kms. or more away f the areas where they wouk called upon to fight.

We also cautioned that central European region shi not dominate all the allian attention since crises could velop on NATO's flanks, wi the alliance suffered some stability because of inte-

The problem in the south region involved the strife ween Greece and Turkey, ich has been the object of arms embargo by the Un States, Gen. Haig said he i ed that the embargo issue uld be settled.

"The time has come fo resolution of these problem relationship with Turkey."

Count Bernadotte

commanders said in a newspaper interview here.

Mr. Jehoshua Zeltger was quoted in Monday's edition of

Bernadotte's three-car convoy was to pass.

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no one was put on trial.

A biography of Mr. Ben Gurion published here this week said Mr. Ben Gurion did eventually know the identity of the assassin. The author, Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar, told reporters the man was still alive and was living on the kibbutz where Mr. Ben gurion spent his retirement.

In the newspaper interview Mr. Zeltger said: "We executed (Count) Bernadotte because he was an institution in his own with the endennesed the status of legislery and even public.

(Count) Bernadotte because he was an institution in his own right, who endangered the status of Jerusalem and even publicly announced his intention to internationalise the city."

"He was hostile to Israel from the day of its foundation as a state and actually laid the foundation for the United Nation's support of the Arabs."

"Count Bernadotte was the man who proposed returning Jeursalem to King Abdullah (of Jordan), every time he declared

Party.

the nation.

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world.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 2 (AFP). -

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi

today began her party's elec-tion campaign in Gujarat State,

on the west coast, with an at-

tack on the opposition Janata

Mrs. Gandhi, who addressed

several public meetings in the

state, sald that the Janata Par-

ty was dominated by the right-

ist Jana Sangh and its militant

voluntary force, Rashtriya Swa-

yamsvak Sangh (RSS) which

was bitterly opposed to the Mahatma Gandhi, the father of

The prime minister said some

of the opposition parties which

did not believe in the ideals of

democracy, socialism and secu-larism, had resorted to violence

in Gujarat and other parts of

She sald the country had to

meet internal as well as exter-

nal threats. The forces of insta-

bility were at work inside the

country. Some countries were

ternational Labour Organisation

(ILO) -- including representa-

tives of governments, employ-

ers and workers -- began a

four-day meeting here yester-

day to discuss workers rights and conditions throughout the

The ILO budget for the next two years is also a major to-pic, in the light of a warning hy the United States that it will quit the ILO this year un-less the U.N. speclalised agency

stops involving itself in politi-

The U.S. provides about 25 per cent of the ILO budget, which amounted to around \$160 million in 1976/77.

MANILA, March 2 (R). — Negotiations on a peaceful solution to the southern Philippines

Moslem rebellion appeared to

have reached an impasse today

with President Ferdinand Mar-

cos saying the rebels are dem-

anding an army of their own

Filipino peace

ILO opens Geneva meeting

to discuss labour rights

The governing body of the In- due to consider a report by

GENEVA, March, 2 (R). - The governing body is also

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

Carter pressures New York to pay debts

NEW YORK, March, 2 (R). - President Carter has put fresh pressure on New York and on trade unions and banks to agree quickly on a plan to repay \$1 billion in debts and prevent the city from going bankrupt on March 11,

The president yesterday backed Treasury Secretary Mi-chael Blumenthal's refusal to grant an immediate \$255 million loan to keep New York going

BAGHDAD-BASRA OIL PIPELINE INAUGURATED

AMMAN, March 2 (R). - Iraq's Oil Minister Tayen Abdul Karim yesterday inaugurated an oil pipeline linking Baghdad and the Basra refineries, Baghdad

built with Soviet and Japanese

moratorium plan recently dec-lared illegal by the courts in a case brought by one bolder, a small bank that wanted its money back now. Talks on the repayment plan broke down at City Hall on Monday wben union leaders st-Radio reported. The 545-kms pipeline was ormed out and Mayor Abraham Beame accused the banks of

Britain's foreign currency reserves jump to near record \$7.8b in Feb.

LONDON, March 2 (R). — Britain's foreign currency reserves billion loan granted by internajumped last month to a near-tional commercial banks. record total of \$7,787 million.

the Treasury announced today. The increase was accounted for partly by an infusion of borrowed dollars and partly hy commercial funds flowing back into Britain with the new year restoration of confidence in ste-

\$250 million of this represen-

The increase during Fehruary amounted to \$591 million.

during the last hour.

In addition, there was a \$10million boost from a loan raised hy Britain's National Water Council at the European Common Market's Investment Bank.

Treasury officials said most of the rest of the increase seemed to be made up by a resumed inflow of commercial funds which had been kept out of Britain during the financial uncer-tainties of late last year.

Prices drifted lower in mixed and moderate trading Wednesday on the New York stock exchange where the industrial average lost nearly three points. This decline put an end to

WALL STREET REPORT

beginning of the week. Investors are apparently still worried about the effects of the bad weather on first quarter earnings and the possibility of renewed inflationary pressures in the U.S. Losers outnumbered gainers at the bell, however .by a very small 694 to 676 margin, as many groups of shares closed on a

the rally which had been taking place on Wall Street since the

mixed tone. Gold mine issues, however, were generally atrong and Dome Mines gained 2-1/8 to 51-3/4. On the other hand, auto, chemical, computer and paper issues finished the Day on a weaker note. Sony fell 1/4 to 9-1/2 in active trading, while General Motors lost 5/8 to \$71. At the close, the industrial average shows at 942.07, a loss of 2.66 points: Transp at 3.41, a loss of 0.34; utilities at 106.12, a gain of 0.40. 18,010,000 sbares changed hands, of which 3,350,000

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed easier Wednesday but above the day'a lows and at 15:00 the F.T. index was down 1.1 at 409.3. The continuing labour dispute at British Leyland prompted some selling, dealers

Government bonds trimmed 1/2 point losses to 3/8 after the U.K. official reserve figures for February. Equity leaders showed net falls ranging to 5p.
Gold shares were higher with the bullion price but off the top towards the close. There was some apprehension ahead of the

1MF gold auction Wednesday. Guest Keen, Tube Investment, Unilever, B.P., Shell, Fisons and Glaxo eased around 3p. Beecham ended 6p harder following press comment on the proposed American acquisition of Merck's Calgon consumer products subsidiary. The banking sector was firmer with Midland the chief gainer

Price of gold closed in London Wednesday at \$145.05/oz.

adding Sp. National Westminster rose 4p. Insurances were mixed.

Royal rose 6p on further reflection of its results.

In its announcement, the Finance Ministry said the devaluation will not affect prices of basic foodstuffs. The last devaluation of

EEC imported 96% of

its oil needs in 1976

the Israeli pound -- also by two per cent -- was announced on Jan. 16. It vas devalued several times last year.

Its rate is set against a basket of currencies that includes the U.S. dollar, the West German mark and

But New York City Budget Director Donald Kummerfeld told reporters: "We are not co-ncerned at the moment with the extension of federal seasonal loans beyond 1978 -- that's an interesting question, but it is not today's question." The president's promise of

long-term help, but nothing for the short-term, increases pressure on the banks, unions and city to hammer out a repayment plan, which they have been arguing about for the past

mittee" the banks want will be unveiled on Friday when they reveal their plan for re-

payment. The mayor has declared that their refusal to move

sooner is "power politics" and

the unions claim the banks' de-mands will rob elected officials

President Carter said yester-day be favoured extending a

special federal loan program-me for the city for five or six years beyond its expiry date on June 30 next year.

Extension of the loan prog-

ramme bad been one of the banks' demands as the price for

further help to the city.

of control over the city.

BRUSSELS, March, 2 (AFP). The European Economic Community (EEC) imported nearly 96 per cent of its crude oil in 1976, despite doubled output from the North Sea, a study published here yesterday show-

The European Office of Statistics said that EEC output totalled 21.3 million tons in 1976, while imports reached 508 million tons -- up 7 per cent from a year earlier.

But imports remained substantially lower than their level when prices quadrupled in 1973, or 610 million tons.

poor countries.

The jump in oil imports last year was greatest in Holland (15 per cent), followed by France (13 per cent). Belgium (12 per cent) and West Germany (7 per cent). In Italy imports rose 3 per cent from a year earlier, while they declined in Britain (-3 per cent) and in Ireland (-25 per cent).

Lower imports in Britain and Ireland were attributed to the increase in output from the North Sea, which rose to 12 million tons from 6.1 million in 1975. Further British output gains can be expected to come rapidly as more wells come on

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, March, 2 (R). — A special parliamentary committee set up to study army pay yesterday recommended a 50 per cent pay increase for Israel's conscripted aoldiers. There is no difference in the pay of conscripted privates, non-commissioned men and officers in Israel, although regular and professional army personnel, who sign-up after their three years compulsory service, receive pay more in line with the regular wage scale in the country.

AGOS, March, 2 (AFP). — Group of 10 experts from Common-wealth member-countries will meet in Ibadan in western Nigeria next week to prepare a report on the new international economic order. The group, drawn from Barbados, Britain, Guyana, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zambia, was set up in 1975 by the Commonwealth heads of states at their Kingston, Jamaica, meeting and is expected to draw up a comprehensive and inter-related programme of practical measures directed at closing the gap between the rich and

WASHINGTON, March, 2 (AFP). — The U.S. surplus in trade with the European Economic Community (EEC) increased by more than \$1,000 million last year, even though the overall U.S. foreign trade picture was far gloomler, Department of Commerce figures showed bere. The surplus with the EEC was \$7,336 million against a previous \$6,132 million. Exports to the EEC rose 11.3 per cent to \$25,405 million (FOB) while trade the other way rose only 8 per cent to \$18,069 million (on a customs basis).

Ayesterday signed a protocol and a number of contracts relating to cooperation in the fields of agriculture, fishing, oil and minerals, electricity and construction. EW YORK, March, 2 (R). - Two men armed with a shotgun and a pistol bijacked a truck carrying \$72,000 worth of coffee after it stopped at a red traffic light, police said yesterday. The hijacking came as coffee prices continue to soar.

DEN, March, 2 (R). - South Yemen and the Soviet Union

in the proposed Moslem proviree hringing 13 southern pro-vinces into the proposed auto-nomous region, though Moslems The rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) have gone back to their origiwere in a majority in only five

TUNIS, March 2 (R). - The first meeting of the non-aligned governments' council for news coordination ended yesterday with a decision to meet again next year in Havana. The council was formed in response to a decision taken by the sixth non-aligned summit in Colombo to discuss setting up a new worldwide

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

VIENNA, March 2 (R). — Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov has received a high-level Soviet delegation visiting Sofia for a meetreceived a nigh-level Soviet delegation visiting Sona for a meeting of senior East bloc officials responsible for coordinating ideological affairs, the BTA news agency reported. The meeting is believed to be concerned with what the Communists see as a Western propaganda campaign over East European dissident movements, particularly the Czechoslovak "Charter 77" human rights

DELGRADE, March 2 (R). — The Yugoslav Assembly yesterday ratified a treaty with Italy resolving their frontier dispute over Trieste, the border town which has bedevilled bilateral relations since World War II. The treaty of Osimo, algned by the two countries' foreign ministers in November 1975, was ratified by the Italian Senate six days ago. UNITED NATIONS, March 2 (R). — President Carter has made tentative plans to deliver a major address in the United Nations about March 22, the day after the Security Council takes up debate on the racial situation in South Africa, informed sources said today. It was possible, but unlikely, that he would preside over the council, the sources said. The United States holds the

council presidency this month. DEKING, March 2 (AFP). — Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua Monday night suggested that disgraced former Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping may soon make a come-back. Mr. Huang Hua said during a dinner at the French Embassy: "Teng Hsiao-ping did make mistakes, but be was a victim of the gang of four. He will be given an appropriate post at a convenient time."

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Gen. Haig said in a pren statement that the alliance confronted by a "relenties" owth in sheer Soviet por

lear, capabilities. tional posture are currently most grievous."

"We are not talking al

he said. "I for one would t come the earliest possible sumption of a normal milit